

# Water Conservation, Reclamation and Reuse



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# Sustaining the Army Mission

- Water Sustainability Goals (Ft Lewis)
- By 2025
  - Cascade water use to achieve zero discharge of wastewater
  - Reduce potable water consumption by 75%
  - Contribute no pollutants to groundwater and remediate all contaminated groundwater
- By 2012, develop effective regional aquifer and watershed management program

# Mechanisms

- Conservation
- Reclamation and Reuse
- Augmentation



# Conservation



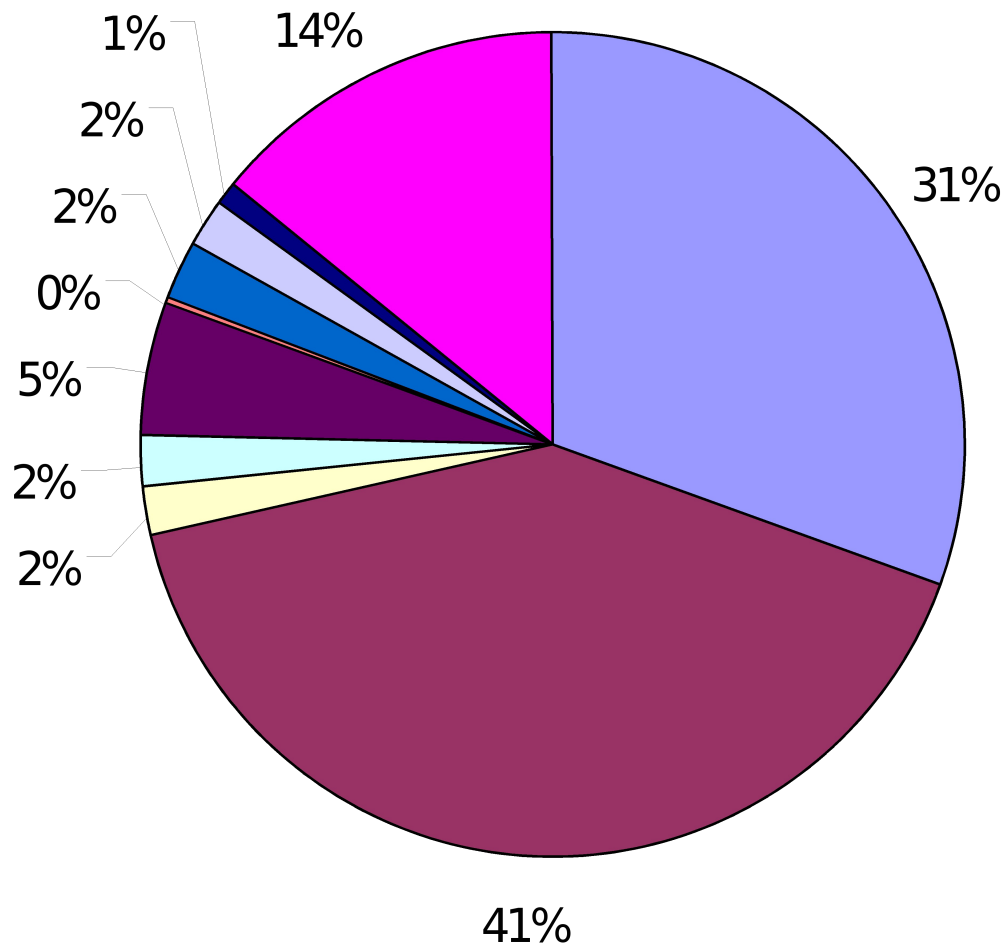
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Government Through Efficient  
Energy Management




# Water Conservation Goals

- Water Management Plan
  - Utility information
  - Water conservation opportunities
  - Emergency planning for shortages
- 4 (or more) water efficiency BMPs
- Army (ACSIM) Deadline
  - Water Management Plan – Oct 04
  - Implemented BMPs - 2010

# APG Potable Water Usage



- Housing
- Commercial - workers
- Commercial - food
- Commercial - support activities
- Golf courses
- Wash racks
- Steam plants
- Hydrant flushing
- Dust control
- Line losses



# Federal Energy Management Program BMPs

- Include
  - Operations and Maintenance Options
  - Retrofit and Replacement Options
    - < 10 year pay back



# BMPs

- 1 - Public Information and Education Programs
  - Generate 10-15% annual savings in water usage





# BMPs - continued

- 2 - Distribution System Audits, Leak Detection, and Repair
  - If losses  $> 20\%$ , conduct audit or leak detection survey
  - Repair/replacement of pipes
    - Only 25% savings













# BMPs - continued

- 3 - Water Efficient Landscaping
  - Promising if water usage  $> 10\%$



# Potential Reductions in Landscape Water Use

## **Management Options**

Potential Savings (%)

Turf Maintenance

10

Turf Maintenance, Irrigation System

20

## **Hardware Options**

Auto Rain Shut Off

10

Soil Moisture Sensors; Soil Probes

10 to 30

Drip/Bubbler Irrigation

50

Gray Water

Up to 100

## **Landscape Design Options**

Landscape Design

19 to 55

Turf Reduction

19 to 35

Choice of Plants

30 to 80

# BMPs - continued

- 4 - Toilets and Urinals
  - Fix leaking toilets
  - Replacement of old toilets
- Flushing Standards
  - < 1994, 4-7 gpf
  - currently 1.6 gpf

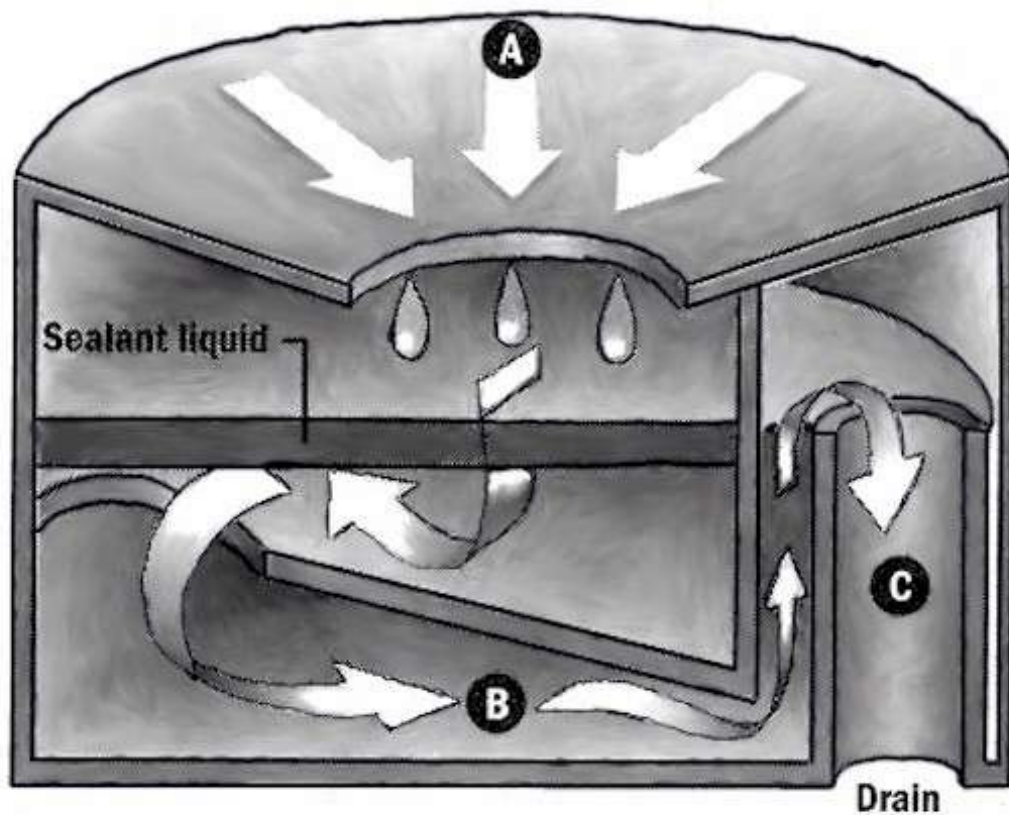


# Dual Flush Toilets





# Waterless Urinal



# BMPs - continued

- 5 - Faucets and Showerheads
  - Current standard 2.5 gpm
- Other opportunities for residential water saving
  - Dishwashers
    - From 9 to 5-7 gal per load
  - Clothes washers
    - From 41 to 23 gal per load

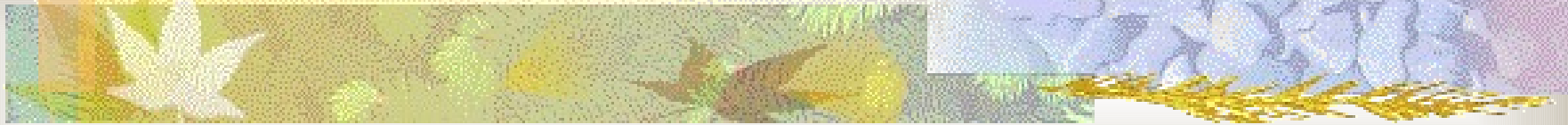




# BMPs - continued

- 6 - Boiler and Steam Systems
- 7 - Single Pass Cooling Equipment
- 8 - Cooling Tower Management
- 9 - Miscellaneous High Water Using Processes
  - Food Service Areas
- 10 - Water Reuse and Recycling

# Reclamation and Reuse



Source Substitution



# Reuse Regulations

- No Federal regulations or standards for water reclamation and reuse
  - “Guidelines for Water Reuse” - 2004
- State agencies are responsible for water reuse standards



# Potable Water Reuse

- Non-potable Water Reuse
  - Water is not suitable for drinking
- Direct Potable Reuse
  - Not practiced in US





# Requirements for Non-potable Reuse

- Conventional water and wastewater treatment technology
- Match between water quality and intended use
- Protection of human health
- Public acceptance where it is being introduced



# Reclaimed Water Match grade, treatment, designated use

<b>grade 1</b>	<b>grade 2</b>	<b>grade 3</b>	<b>grade 4</b>	<b>grade 5</b>
<b>secondary, filtration, disinfectio n</b>	<b>grade 1, plus NH3 removal</b>	<b>seconda ry, ultra -filtratio n, RO</b>	<b>grade 3 plus lime softenin g</b>	<b>double RO</b>
<b>landscape irrigation</b>	<b>cooling towers</b>	<b>low pressure boiler feed</b>	<b>potable water aug- mentati on</b>	<b>high pressur e boiler feed</b>

# Reuse Option 1: Landscape Irrigation

- Parade fields, recreation fields, landscaped areas, and golf courses (water hazards)



# Landscape Irrigation

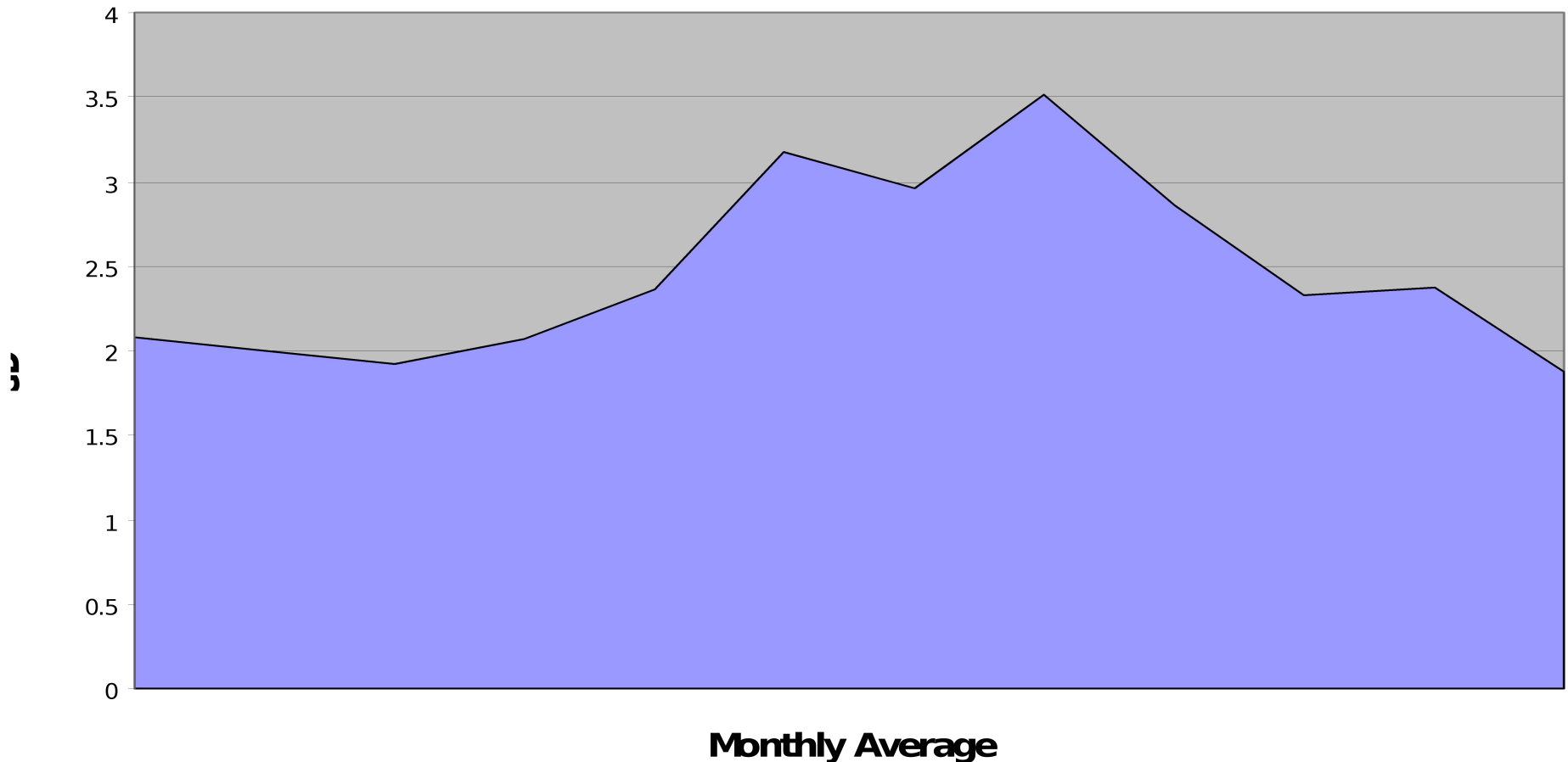
- Single Family and Multifamily Residences





# Landscape Irrigation – Seasonal Demand

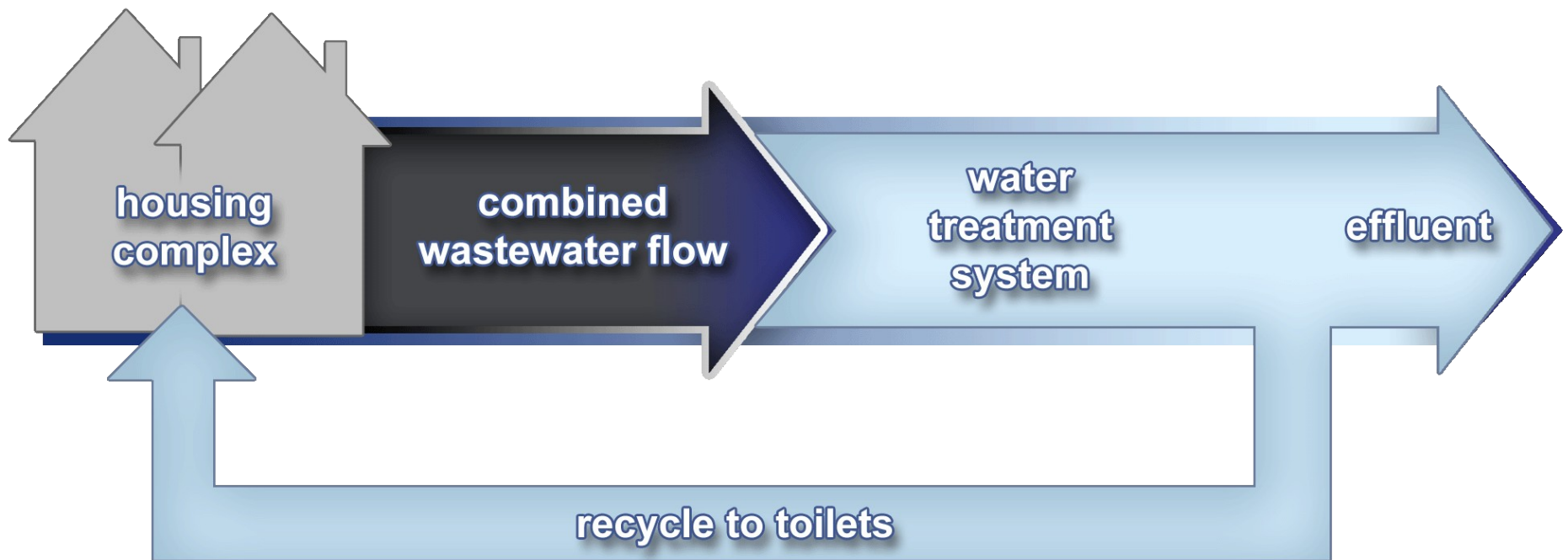
**Army Installation Water Production - 1999**



# Water Reuse Feasibility Study



# Reuse Option 2: Toilet Flushing





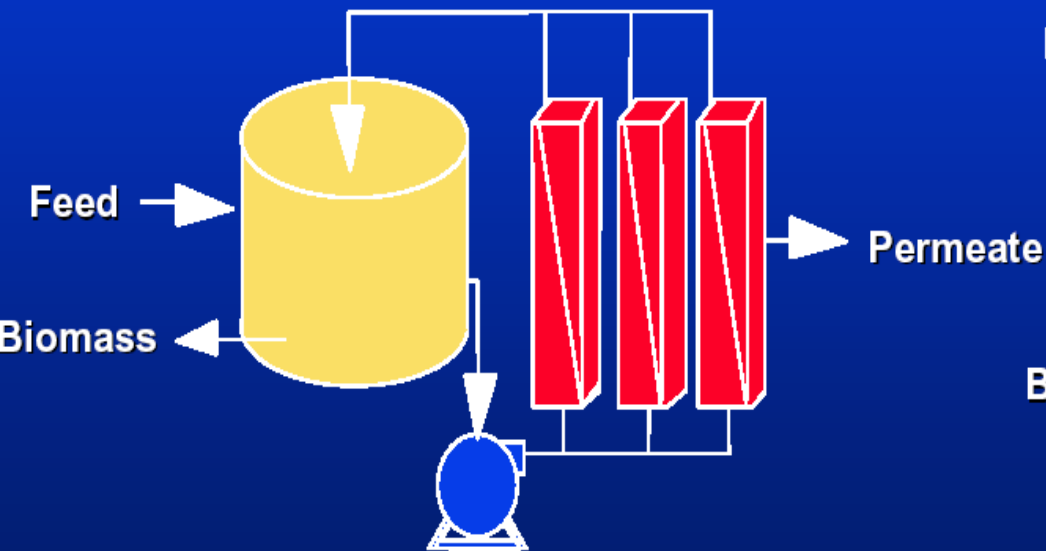
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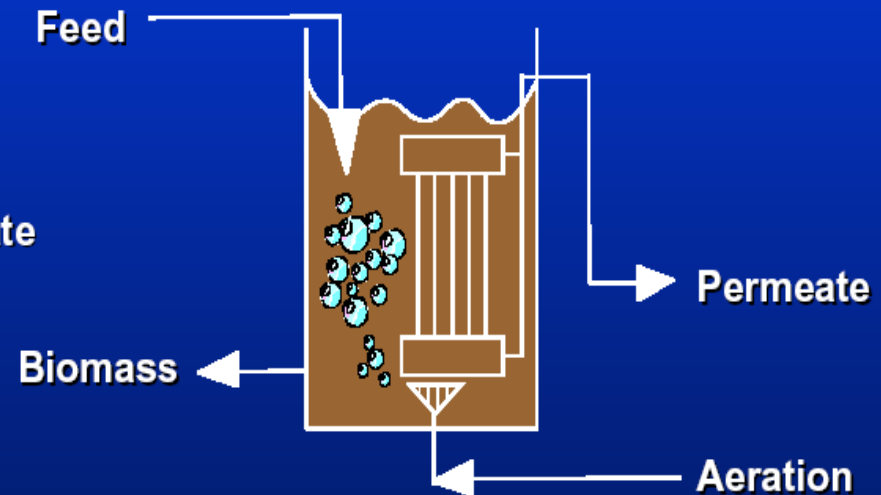


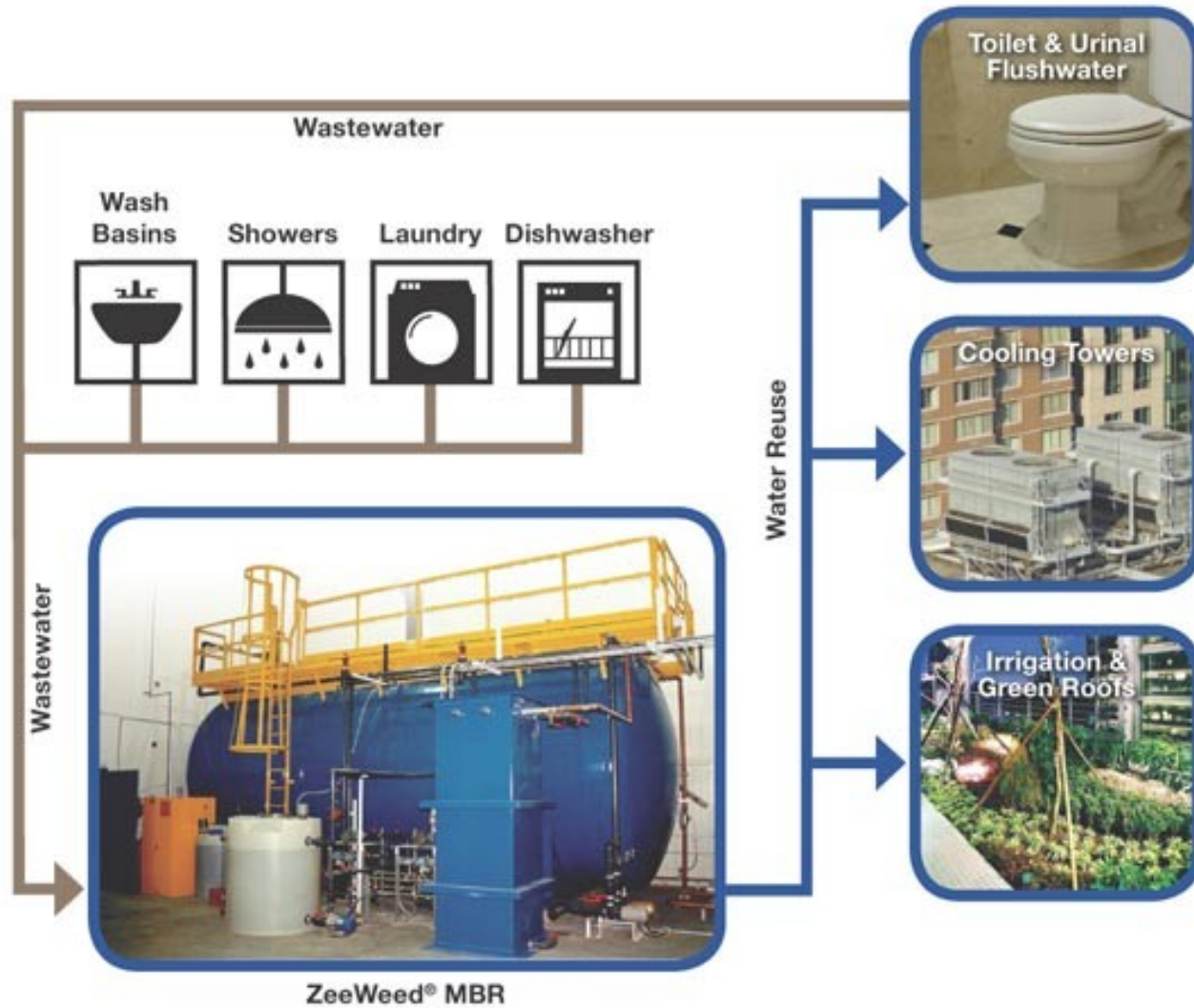
# Membrane Bioreactor Configurations

## In-Series



## Submerged





# Reuse Option 3: Vehicle Washing











# Reuse Option 4: Industrial Applications

- Central Energy Plant
  - Cooling tower make up
  - Wet scrubbers
  - Boiler make up water





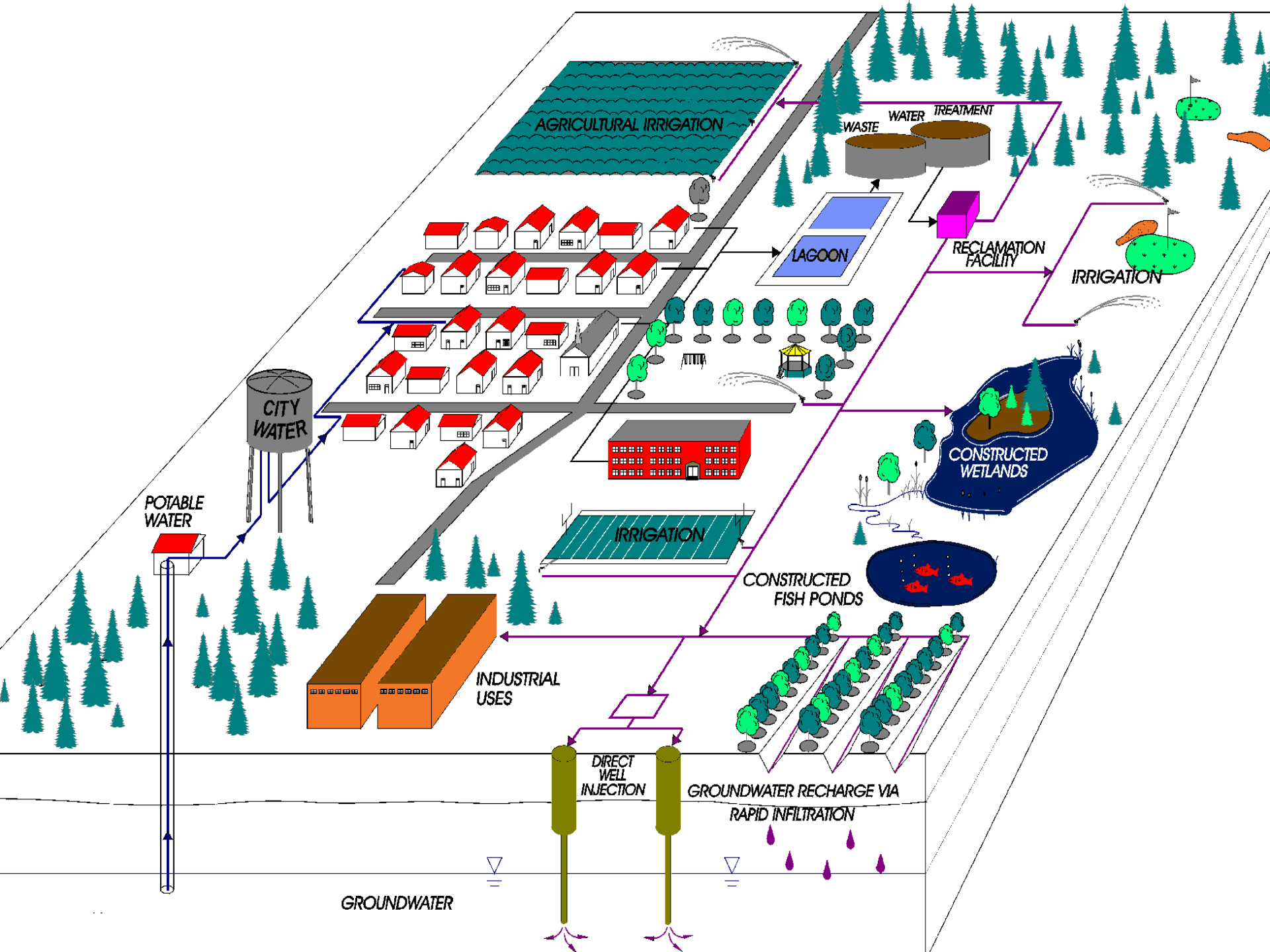
# Reuse Option 5: Dust Suppression





# Reuse Option 6: Man-made Wetlands





# Augmentation of Potable Water Supplies



Groundwater Recharge  
Stream Augmentation



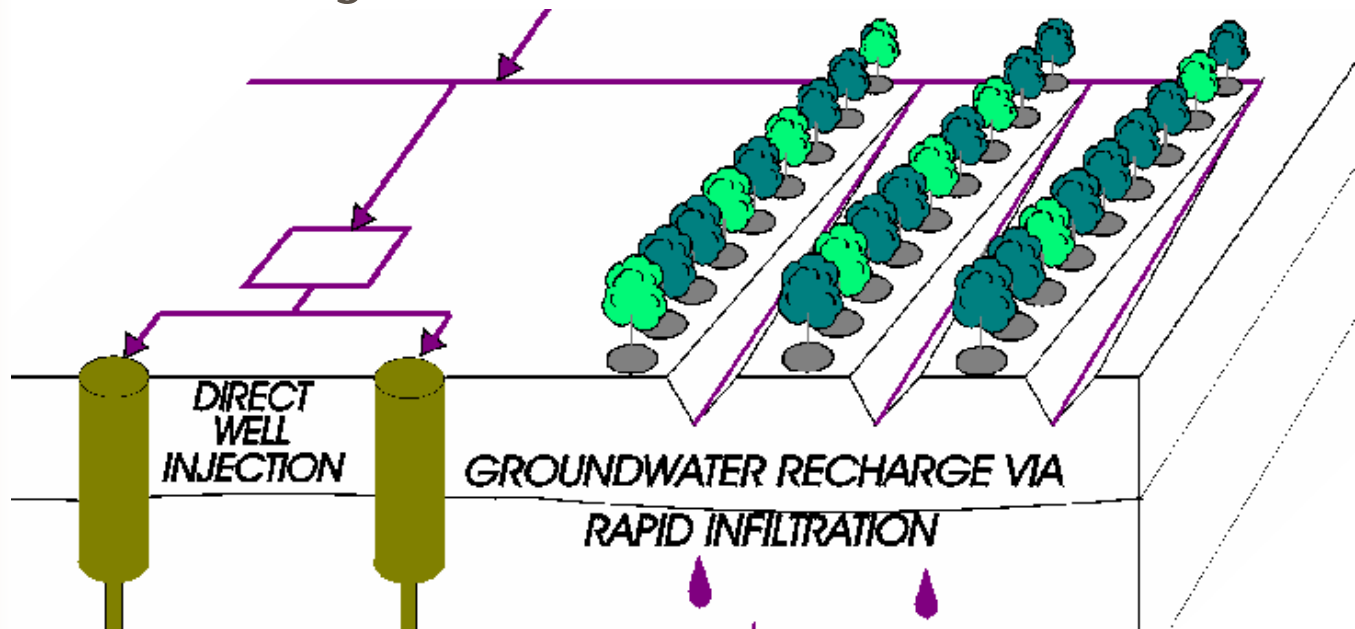
# Groundwater Recharge

- Intent is to replenish groundwater
- Applications
  - Augmentation of potable water supplies
  - Storage for reclaimed water
    - Aquifer storage and recovery (ASR)
  - Establish salt-water intrusion barriers in coastal areas



# Recharge Mechanisms

- Surface spreading
- Direct injection



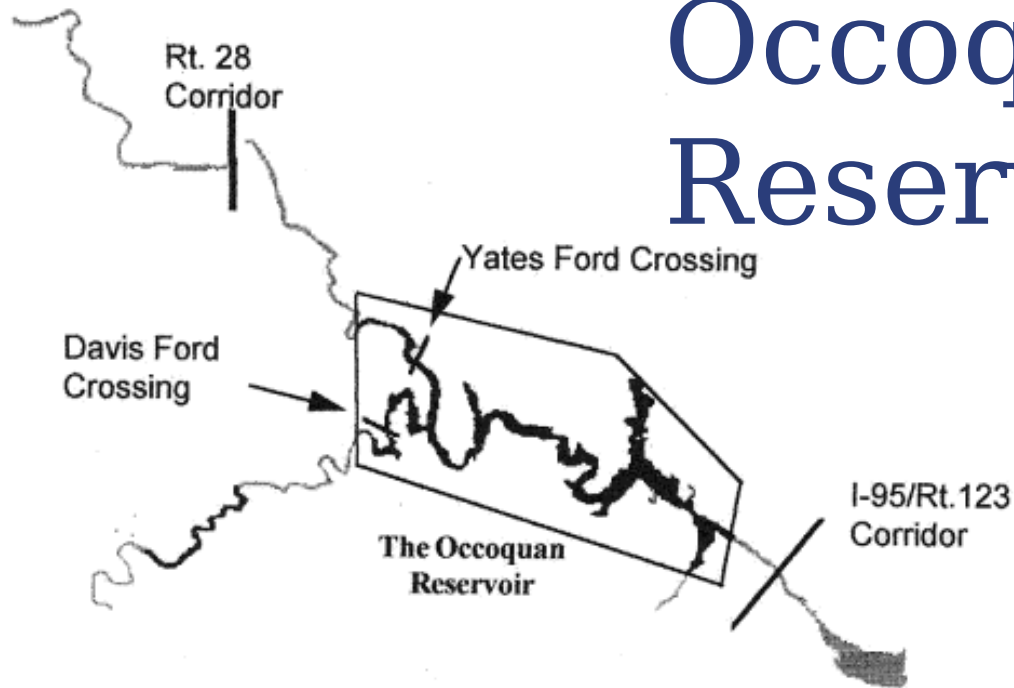


# Stream Augmentation

- Seeks to replenish a surface water
- Applications
  - Augments a potable water supply
  - Maintains stream flow for fish, wildlife, and aesthetics



# Occoquan Reservoir





# Conclusion

- As water resources become stretched,
  - Increased pressure
  - Increased opportunities
- Be prepared to act when
  - Water availability is questioned
  - Normal life cycle equipment is replaced
  - Construction of new facilities

# Questions

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